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FROM BUNKER

E.O.11652 GDS
TAGS ME
SUBJ ISRAELI POWS IN SYRIA

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER EBAN
TO SECRETARY WHICH EBAN HANDED ME DEC 23.
QTE DEAR SECRETARY OF STATE,

THE PEACE CONFERENCE ON THE MIDDLE EAST HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED
AND ITS PATTERN OF WORK FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE HAS
BEEN LAID DOWN. IT WAS A PRIVILEGE TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH YOU
IN THIS IMPORTANT WORK.

I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF URGING YOU TO MAKE FURTHER
ENQUIRIES AND REPRESENTATIONS IN DAMASCUS CONCERNING OUR
PRISONERS-OF-WAR. THE UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THEM IS AGONIZING
FOR THEIR FAMILIES AND COUNTRYMEN. THE GENEVA CONVENTION IS
BEING VIOLATED. THE BITTERNESS IS VERY GREAT.

I AM SEEING THE PRESIDENT OF THE RED CROSS TODAY, BUT MY
COLLEAGUES AND I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE A NEW STEP BY YOU IN
THIS DIRECTION IN YOUR CAPACITY AS CO-CHAIRMAN.

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I AM WRITING IN SIMILAR TERMS TO THE OTHER CO-CHAIRMAN
AND TO SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHEIM WHO PRESIDED OVER THE
INAUGURAL SESSIONS.

WITH CORDIAL GREETINGS TO YOU FOR THE NEW YEAR,
ABBA EBAN UNQUOTE.
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